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Sir:

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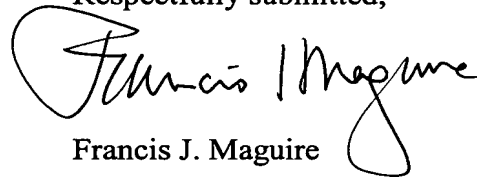
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A copy of the International Preliminary Report on Patentability and Written Opinion are enclosed for the convenience of the Examiner. Please note the favorable opinion of the ISA with respect to novelty and inventive step.

Respectfully submitted,

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